Africa has adopted the PEN-PLUS strategy to boost access to the diagnosis, treatment and care of severe non-communicable diseases (NCD).

WHAT IS THE PEN-PLUS STRATEGY?

Adopted by: Africa

Purpose: To address severe Non-Communicable Diseases at First-Level Referral Health Facilities.

Aim: To bridge the access gap in the treatment and care of patients with chronic and severe NCDs.

Features: The strategy urges countries to put in place standardized programmes to tackle chronic and serious non-communicable diseases by ensuring that essential medicines, technologies and diagnostics are available and accessible in district hospitals.